

Arlington Recycling Committee
Minutes of 10/3/13

PRESENT: Co-Chair Juli Brazile, Co-Chair Gordon Jamieson, Recycling Coordinator Charlotte Milan, Janice Pare, Sue Stamps, Secretary Pete Howard

TONNAGE: Charlotte provided the final totals for FY 13 (Ref 1) Trash decreased by 1,645 tons from FY12 or more than 11%. Recycling increased 13%, and yard waste increased 47%. The MSW total increased by less than 1% (about 21,800 tons/year). This is mostly the result of the new solid waste contract which enforces the mandatory recycling bylaw and provides weekly recycling and yard waste collection.

TOWN DAY QUESTIONS: There were many questions about composting. Charlotte has a list. She has identified an expert and is considering some public info sessions on composting.

COMMUNITY COLLECTION DAY PLANNING 11/16 Charlotte provided a list of the organizations that will attend (Ref 2). She asked them to be set up by 8:45. Juli will confirm Stratton. The public will be allowed in from 9:00 to 1:00. Six volunteers desired for each of the 2 shifts: 8:45 -11:00; 11:00-1:15. Locations: Shredder, Foamit, Entrance, Split corner, Scrap Metal/runner, E-Waste/runner. Juli will set up a Doodle signup sheet. Gordon will publicize at BoS. Gordon will request police presence from Chief Ryan. Juli will post on lists. Charlotte will arrange a notice on Town website & Advocate. She will confirm SAVE Club w/ Nigel Krauss. All publicity should encourage residents to bring only resalable women's & children's clothing to CCD. Other clothes & fabric should go to Good Will which accepts drop off year round at Stop & Shop.

BUSINESS RECYCLING: Juli & Sue attended a meeting on 9/16 w/ The Town Manager and the relevant department heads. The Health Department sends notices to haulers on 11/1 saying that permits must be renewed before the year begins on 1/1. The notice will include a short questionnaire seeking the number of customers that recycle. Juli & Sue with help from Carolyn Dann will provide this material. Juli, Janice & Sue will begin talking with business associations (Capital Square, Center, Heights, Chamber of Commerce) about the state waste ban and offering education on the state regulations regarding recycling or public recognition of businesses that recycle. The Manager suggested that this program be given a name. Members should make suggestions. BoH has list of businesses that use non-Town trash service. DPW has list of businesses that use Town service.

KITCHEN WASTE COMPOSTING: Pete provided a revised letter requesting the Town to start a program. Juli will provide comments received so far. Further action is deferred to next month.

COLLECTION BIN MAP: Charlotte still working on it.

NEW BUSINESS

TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS (Not addressed above)

- ARC Membership

- Survey of residents on ARC mailing list

- MA-DEP Solid Waste Plan Letter to Governor - Follow-up w/ other communities

- Advocate/Patch Recycling Promotion Articles

- Volunteer Opportunities

- Plastic film recycling

- Bulk item collection

Mow leaves into lawn.

Maybe have a compost display in front of DPW.

FUTURE MEETINGS: Nov 6 continuing on 1st Thursday during following months

Ref 1 Tonnage Report

Ref 2 CCD Organizations

Ref 3 Draft Letter to Town Manager on food waste composting - revised

**Arlington Recycling Committee
Recycling Coordinator Report
October 3, 2013**

Tonnage Progress Report

	Trash	Recycling	Yard Waste	Ewaste (CY)
FY 2008	16,232	4,639	2,881	
FY 2009	15,740	4,165	3,216	
FY 2010	15,493	4,244	2,799	
FY 2011	14,538	4,395	2,332	72 tons
FY 2012	14,248	4,652	2,381	73
FY 2013	12,603	5,278	3,503	67

21181
21384

Change in
tonnage from
FY2012 to
FY2013:

-1,645 626 1,122

NOTE: The new trash and recycling program was fully underway in September 2012, so these numbers do not yet reflect a full year of program outcome.

MSW/tons per household (22,607 hhds)

FY 2008 0.72
FY 2012 0.63
FY 2013 0.55

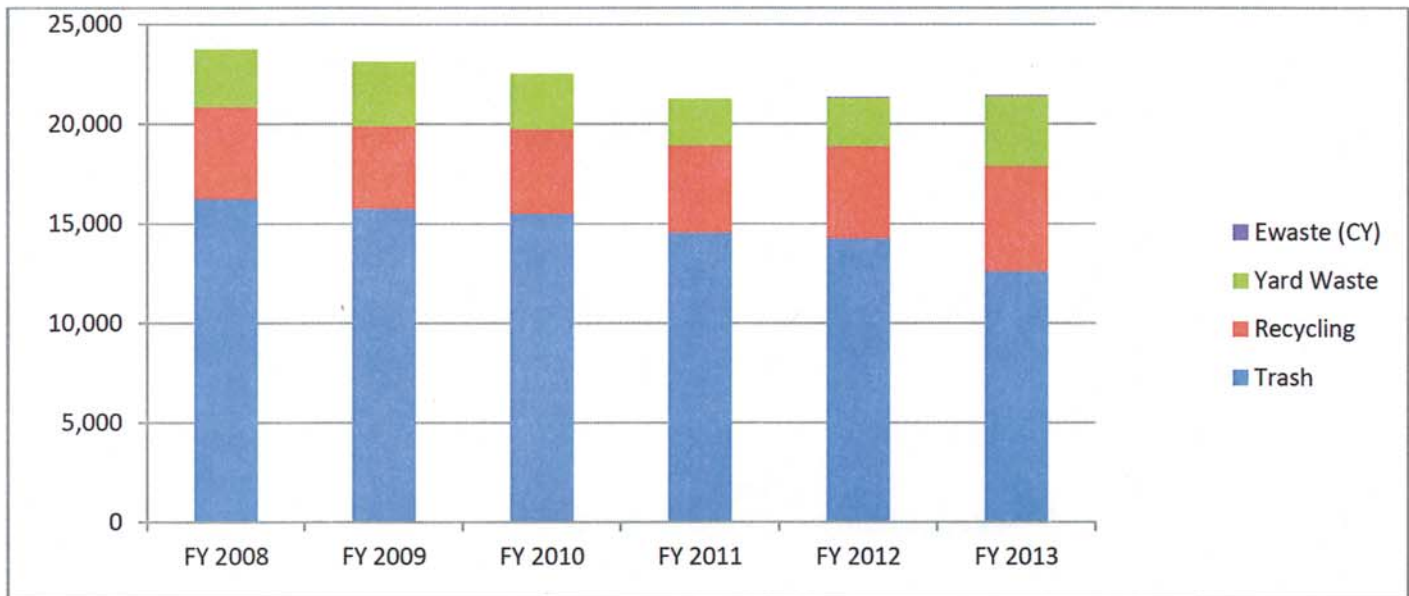
Mass MSW Master Plan Goals

Arlington's baseline MSW 16,232 tons
30% reduction by 2020 **10,875 tons**
50% reduction by 2050 **8,116 tons**

per hh in tons

0.72
0.48
0.36

Arlington progress towards increasing waste diversion



Community Collection Day, November 16, 2013- CONFIRMED

ReFoamIt

Bikes not Bombs

Doc Shredding Corp- donations accepted for Arlington Fuel Assistance Program

Little Fox Shop

Fox Women's Clothing Sale

Stratton PTO-Got Books bin

Board of Health

Batteries Plus

Expense Report

Date	Purchase	Cost (projected)	Balance
1-Jul-13	Starting balance		\$ 3,000.00
16-Nov-12 ¹³	CCD snacks	30	
1-Mar-14	Trashformation prizes	150	
1-May-14	CCD snacks	30	
	discount on New Age composters		

DRAFT
ARLINGTON RECYCLING COMMITTEE

To: Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager
Michael Radamacher, Director, Public Works

Subject: Food Waste Composting Program

OBJECTIVE: To urge development and implementation of a cost effective approach to the disposal of compostable kitchen waste in Arlington.

DISCUSSION: Promotional activities, together with the recent implementation of mandatory recycling and per household limitations on trash disposal and the change to weekly recycling and yard waste collection [enabled by our shifting to a new contractor (JRM)] have made a huge impact on the amount of trash that Arlington incinerates each year. Yet, despite these great advances, we feel that we are quickly approaching a point of diminishing returns from these types of activities.

As a Green Community, what can we do to further increase our recycling rate so that we can continue to reduce our solid waste disposal costs? One thing to consider is determining whether we can establish a cost effective approach to the disposal of compostable kitchen waste here in Arlington.

Why compostable kitchen waste? Well simply because, based upon a study performed by the MA-DEP (2011) using sample trash loads at six MA incinerator locations, organics make up more than 20% of our trash stream. Further, given the high recycling rate in Arlington, it seems highly likely that organics constitute an even greater percentage of Arlington's trash stream, perhaps 30 percent or more. Our thinking is that if we were to divert most of the organics (compostable kitchen waste) from of our incineration trash stream, then we would surely reach our goal of 50% MSW diversion.

We are aware of several companies that will pick up and compost food waste. Yet their services are quite expensive and hence would be unlikely to achieve the return on investment metrics that we would require for such a program (collection/composting would have to cost less than the cost of collection/incineration)

Our Recycling Coordinator has made herself knowledgeable on this issue. She says several Massachusetts communities either already have programs or are carrying out pilot programs. We are sure that she, working with the DEP Director and you, could come up with a workable approach.

CONCLUSION: A kitchen waste composting program would help to assure Arlington's continued leadership in community recycling. The Arlington Recycling Committee stands willing to assist you and your staff in any way you might suggest to make such a program possible.

Juli Brazile, Co-Chair

Gordon Jamieson, Co-Chair